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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes, Sir, steps may be taken to store up the rain water as most of the rain water is not properly used, but falls on a narrow strip which goes into the Arabian Sea. It is a long-range question, Sir."

SRI C. H. KANARAN :—" According to the Board's Standing Orders, only if two crops fail, remission of land revenue could be given. Will the Government amend the Board's Standing Orders so that even if one corp fails, remission could be given? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" That means amending all our budget off."

10-40 a.m. SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The representations to the Revenue Divisional Officer, Malappuram, were made with a view to see whether any help could be given for protecting the withering crops. The Government say that the report from the Collector has not been received. May I know whether anything was done by the Magistrate to protect the withering crops or whether the Government waited till the crops were affected so that revenue remission might be considered later? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I wonder how the Magistrate can protect the withering crops ! "

SRI S. RAMALINGAM ;—" திருநெல்வேலியில் கிஸ்தி வசூலை ஏற்கனவே நிறுத்தி வைத்திருப்பதாக மதராஸ் மெயில் ரிபோர்ட்டிலிருந்து தெரியவருகிறது. சர்க்கார் இந்த உத்தரவை ரத்து செய்யாமலிருப்பார்களா என்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்களைக் கேட்கிறேன் ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The Government are not aware of what took place at Tirunelveli. I do not know whether the Collector has issued any instructions. Of course, there is a report in *The Mail*. Unless it is verified, I cannot say anything definite."

Free pass to the members of the Transport Advisory Committee.

* 58 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the members of the Transport Advisory Committee have been provided with free pass to travel in the State buses;

(*b*) whether the passholders are permitted to travel in the State Transport buses to Tirupati and Pondicherry;

(*c*) what the other facilities extended to them are; and

(*d*) how many members of the Legislative Assembly are enjoying such facilities?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

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" (*b*) No, Sir. The free passes issued to members of the City Transport Advisory Committee are valid in the City and suburban routes but not on mufassal routes. There is also no Government Bus Service to Pondicherry.

" (*c*) No other facilities are extended to these members.

" (*d*) The following two Members of the Assembly are among the members of the committee :—

(1) Sri S. Pakkirisami Pillai, and

(2) Sri T. P. Elumalai."

Sri D. DASARATHAN :—" இந்த **Advisory** Committee சென்ற வருஷத்தில் எத்தனை தடவைகள் கூடியிருக்கிறது ? இத்துடன் இம்மாதிரி **free pass** சலுகைகள் Government **Transport**-ல் வேலை செய்யும் எந்தெந்த **grade** உத்தியோகஸ்தர்களுக்கு அளிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிற தென்பதை கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் தெரிவிப்பாரா ?"

Mr. SPEAKER :—" I will allow the first part of the question. Regarding the second part of the question, let the hon. Member put a separate question."

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I have no idea. I would like the hon. Member to put a separate question. But I presume that the members of the committee meet every month."

Sri K. V. RAMASWAMI :—" இந்த **Advisory** Committee-ல் எத்தனை மெம்பர்களிருக்கிறார்கள் ? அவர்கள் யார் யார் ? அவர்களுடைய பெயர் என்ன ?" என்பதை கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொல்ல முடியுமா ?"

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Yes, Sir. There are eleven non-official members. They are—

(1) Srimathi Saraswathi Pandurangan.

(2) ,, Raksha Saran (since resigned).

(3) Sri S. Pakkiriswami Pillai, M.L.A.

(4) ,, T. P. Elumalai, M.L.A.

(5) ,, B. D. V. Ramaswami Naidu.

(6) ,, N. S. Rajamannar (since resigned).

(7) ,, N. Ramanatha Ayyar.

(8) ,, S. Rangarajan, representing the Press.

(9) ,, C. S. Hariharaputhra Ayyar.

(10) ,, K. M. Beary.

(11) ,, K. Kannankutty Menon representing the N.G.Os."

Sri K. VINAYAKAM :-" May I know, Sir, whether the recommendations of this committee are given effect to by the Government? For instance, this committee recommended the opening of a new bus route to Kodambakkam which has not been considered by the Government in spite of the persistent resolutions passed by this committee? "

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THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, this is a body whose resolutions are recommendatory in character. Their resolutions are always considered by the Government and whatever is possible and feasible is given effect to. The point made out by the hon. friend Sri Vinayakam depends on the availability of buses. If I have more buses, I should give Sri Vinayakam the route he wants. But, at the present moment, there is so much demand. We cannot accept his suggestion now."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Arising out of the answer given by the Hon. Minister, may I bring to the notice of the Hon. Minister that the Government are at present running very uneconomic units which do not bring in the necessary income to maintain a bus route. But, in spite of that the Government have been good enough to satisfy the whims and fancies of the people who are demanding to maintain the route from Egmore Station up to Adyar. That route does not pay even Rs. 60 per half a day. The route from . . . ?"

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member is making a speech. Let him put all this in the form of a question."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I commend to my Hon. Colleague to take Sri Vinayakam into the Advisory Committee." (Laughter.)

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The suggestion of the Hon. the Chief Minister will certainly be considered when the Board is reconstituted." (Laughter.)

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, is it not a fact that the routes from Triplicane to Kodambakkam and from Parrys to Kodambakkam are paying more than the limit fixed by the Government, namely, Rs. 75 per half a day? Such being the case, will the Government be pleased to open one more route between Mylapore to Kodambakkam (via) Mambalam, which will bring more income to Government?"

MR. SPEAKER :—" How does it arise out of the question? Let the hon. Member put a separate question."

Medical concessions to the non-gazetted officers.

* 59 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of non-gazetted Government servants who applied for free medical concessions up to 31st December 1953; and

(*b*) the amount spent on medical concessions and the number of applications disallowed up to 31st December 1953?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The time and labour involved to collect the information may not be commensurate with the result to be achieved."